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FOR: BRANCH PIPE JOINT AND :
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USING THE PIPE JOINT :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, Applicant requests the reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 24, for the reasons set forth below.

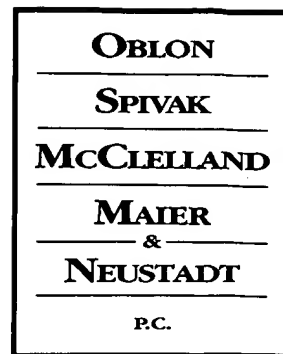
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Respectfully submitted,

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